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## MACHINE LENDING CONSOLIDATION

The South Carolina State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has assumed all responsibility for providing talking book and cassette machines to blind and physically handicapped residents of South Carolina. Public libraries should refer requests for servicing equipment in need of repair to: South Carolina State Library, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 700 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce, South Carolina 29033. IN-WATS: 1-800-922-7818.

### AUGUSTA BAKER - STORYTELLER IN RESIDENCE AT USC

Augusta Baker, one of the nation's leading authorities in children's literature and librarianship, has joined the University of South Carolina College of Librarianship as storyteller in residence.

Ms. Baker served as administrator, educator, author, raconteur and folklorist during her thirty-seven year career at the New York Public Library. She now will be working with USC students, librarians, and educators in South Carolina, instructing them in the methods she has used with great success to make libraries and reading more exciting for children.

A graduate of the State University of New York, Ms. Baker began her career with the New York Public Library in 1937, working as a children's librarian in the Countee Cullen Regional (Harlem) branch. From children's librarian, Ms. Baker was promoted to assistant coordinator and storytelling specialist and then to coordinator of children's services with the New York library. Along with expanding the children's collection in the library to include recordings and cassettes, she utilized television and radio through programs like "The World of Children's Literature" and "It's Fun to Read." Her expertise in the use of such media resulted in her serving as consultant and bibliographer of materials for the television program, "Sesame Street."

Ms. Baker is the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Parent's Magazine Medal for outstanding service to the nation's children and the American Library Association's Grolier Award for outstanding achievement in guiding and stimulating reading of children and young people. Other honors include the Clarence Day Award for leadership given to the world of children's books and an honorary doctorate of letters from St. John's University in New York.

Retiring from the New York Public Library in 1974, Ms. Baker and her husband joined her son, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, and his family in Columbia in January, 1980. She began her part-time duties at Carolina this fall.

During November, she conducted four storytelling workshops for educators and librarians around the state. The workshops were jointly sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education and the USC College of Librarianship.



## POST-ELECTION REPORT

The following is excerpted from the ALA Washington Newsletter, November 12, 1980.

Congress returned November 12 for a lame-duck session which is sure to be different in character from that originally planned. Action is expected on budget, appropriation, and revenue sharing measures and little else.

The November 4 elections marked a massive and unpredicted shift to the right; the effects on federal assistance to libraries are as yet unclear. At first glance it looks bad. Several long-time Congressional leaders and dependable library supporters such as Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Warren Manguson, House Majority Whip John Brademas, and House Administration Chair Frank Thompson were defeated. Republican library supporters Representative John Buchanan and Senator Jacob Javits were defeated in the primaries. The Democratic majority in the House is considerably slimmer (243 Democrats, 192 Republicans). The Republican majority in the Senate (53 Republicans, 46 Democrats, 1 Independent) means a realignment of committees and Republican chairs of committees and subcommittees. Senior Senate Republicans who will undoubtedly be assuming committee and subcommittee chairs do include several faces friendly to library and education issues - Mark Hatfield, Charles McC. Mathias, Ted Stevens, and Lowell Weicker. Senator Hatfield is expected to chair the Appropriations Committee.

President-elect Reagan and the Republican party platform would "encourage the elimination of the federal Department of Education" and "would replace the crazyquilt of wasteful programs with a system of block grants." The President-elect has stated that he does intend to appoint a Secretary of Education because mandated programs must be administered. Any change Reagan would recommend in the Education Department or in the arrangement of categorical programs must be approved by Congress. The reaction of Congress to such proposals would be tempered by the opinion of the voters (especially Republicans in the education and library communities.) The challenge ahead lies in informing the new Congress without delay that those who elected them feel libraries are important. In campaign terms, if we are to return to what made this country great, we must not forget the contribution of libraries to self-improvement, research, innovation, and productivity.

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The Rare Book Department of the Thomas Cooper Library, USC, is exhibiting a collection of books and items relating to the Civil War during November and December. Display materials were selected to illustrate important aspects of progress towards secession and significant events of the war.

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The American Library Association is now offering a PR Info Bank which will loan printed library publicity materials. The new service, a joint project of the ALA Public Information Office and the Publications Committee, loans public relations information packets on specific subjects via interlibrary loan through the ALA Headquarters Library.



BUDGET, FY 1982

The Education Department has recommended to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an increase in library program funding for FY 1982. The figures are as follows:

	FY '81 House Allowance	FY 1981 Contin. Res.	FY 1982 ED Request to OMB
<u>Elementary &amp; Secondary Educ. Act</u>			
Title IV-B, School libraries	\$171,000,000*	\$171,000,000*	\$171,000,000*
<u>Higher Education Act</u>			
Title II-A, College libraries	4,988,000	4,988,000	4,988,000
II-B, Training	667,000	667,000	1,000,000
II-B, Research, Demonstration	500,000	333,000	1,500,000
II-C, Research libraries	6,000,000	6,000,000	8,000,000
<u>Library Services &amp; Construction Act</u>			
Title I, Library services	62,500,000	62,500,000	62,500,000
III, Interlibrary coop.	12,000,000	5,000,000	15,000,000
TOTALS	\$257,655,000	\$250,488,000	\$263,988,000

\*Advance funded program

The total for library programs requested by ED is \$13.5 million more than the continuing resolution (H.J. Res. 610) which provides funding through December 15 at the current level, and \$6.3 million more than the House-passed Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill (HR 7998). After review and possible amendment by OMB, these figures will be incorporated in the FY 1982 budget President Carter will submit to Congress in January. Any changes requested by President-elect Reagan to this budget would be submitted to Congress in late February or early March.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANT PROGRAM

January 15, 1981 is the deadline for applications for humanities projects in libraries for programs beginning after July, 1981. The Endowment provides support for activities in the humanities based on the collections and services of free libraries serving the general public. The program seeks to encourage greater public use of existing library resources in the humanities and to strengthen the ability of library institutions and their staffs to provide services and programs in the humanities. Assistance is available for planning and implementing projects. All projects must encourage participation by the general adult public and draw on existing library resources in the humanities. Eligible applicants are public libraries and library systems, state library agencies, state and regional library associations, and academic and/or research libraries which provide regular services to the general public. Guidelines are available from Thomas Phelps, Humanities Project in Libraries, NEH, Mail Stop 406, 806 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506 (202-724-0760).

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The Southeastern Library Network, Inc. (SOLINET) and OCLC, Inc. have signed a memorandum of understanding in which they agree to share planning, management and development of service offerings to enhance library networking services. The two organizations will accomplish this by means of a jointly-established mutual support corporation that will develop and deliver products and services now produced separately.



## Focusing on Serving Children

From the Desk of the Field Service Librarian for Children's Services:

### FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

When you are thinking about programs for children you'd like to have and the dollars you don't have to pay for special guest performers, think about ways to get the money. A good source may be the South Carolina Arts Commission, which has mini-grants up to \$500 requiring a 50% match. The match may include in-kind contributions such as staff time. Mini-grants are funded at various times of the year and require only a four-week lead time. However, any library considering programming with such a grant should apply far enough in advance to allow plenty of time for promotion before the event. In applying, you would need to know what artist you plan to use (artists include such people as storytellers, clowns, actors, and puppeteers as well as crafts people, painters, etc.), exact anticipated costs, and an outline of the project. The Arts Commission is interested in supporting arts activities for children, and they realize libraries are a good local community site for such programs. Jane Gardner, Children's Consultant, has details about applying for these grants. You can also contact the South Carolina Arts Commission, 1800 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 for more information and application forms.

### GETTING YOUR LIBRARY INVOLVED IN SALUTING DR. SEUSS

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2. Dorita Lindahl from Minnesota has launched an effort to have the week of March 2, 1981, declared as Dr. Seuss Week. She is suggesting that libraries prepare birthday cards for children to sign to be sent to Dr. Seuss. His birthday could also be a good time to have a special program or display featuring his books. Dr. Seuss won the 1980 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award given by the Association of Library Service to Children for his total work as an artist and illustrator. Any library wanting to know more about Ms. Lindahl's plans to honor Dr. Seuss can write to her at Box 766, Hibbing, Minnesota 55746.

### NEW BOOKS ABOUT CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND BOOKS

The State Library has added the following titles which you may wish to request on interlibrary loan.

011.62 Baskin, Barbara H. and Karen Harris. Books for the gifted child. Bowker, 1980.

Includes chapters on the gifted, how to identify them and stimulate them, and an extensive bibliography of suggested books with long content notes.

028.5 Bodart, Joni. Booktalk!; Book Talking and School Visiting for Young Adult Audiences. H. W. Wilson, 1980.

Includes chapters on the reason for booktalking, writing booktalks, and techniques as well as giving many examples and bibliographies by subject.

011.62 Haviland, Virginia et al., comp. The Best of Children's Books, 1964-1978. Library of Congress, 1980.

A useful retrospective list arranged by title and author and based on a selection of the best books from the Children's Book Selection's Annual Lists.



011.62 Sutherland, Vena, comp. The Best in Children's Books, 1973-1978.  
University of Chicago Press, 1980.

Another "best" list, this one is based on the titles reviewed in the Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books. It is a supplement to the 1966-1972 compilation by Sutherland.

You will also want to see the October, 1980 issue of Wilson Library Bulletin which focused on children's book illustrations and featured several excellent articles. Especially useful are the Uri Shulevitz article, "What Is a Picture Book?" (page 99-101) and Donnarae MacCann and Olga Richard's comments about the mediocrity of current picture books in their regular "Picture Books for Children" column (page 132-135).

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING AROUND THE STATE

Darlington County: The library, in cooperation with the Riverbanks Zoological Park, sponsored a film discussion program about animals and zoos. Mr. Don Winslow of Riverbanks Zoo discussed the zoo facility and showed off one of the animals. As part of Children's Book Week, elementary students visiting the library were given free tickets to the zoo....During Halloween week, the librarian of the Hartsville Memorial Library visited all kindergartens in the area, posing as storyteller Mrs. Good Witch. The children were invited to come trick or treating at the library. The library reported that approximately 300 children showed up to collect their treat of a paperback book.

Florence County: The library has just wound up an eight-week story hour series this fall, highlighting ghosts and legends during October and Indians and Thanksgiving during November. During Halloween, the library celebrated their third annual "Pumpkin Time" which featured a movie, costume contest, and a jack-o-lantern pinata....The Children's Extension Service has been conducting a series on pets in outreach centers in the county. One of the highlights of the series was a visit by a boa constrictor and his owner and a speaker from the Humane Society.

Newberry County: Students from Newberry College are conducting story hours at the library. The project, which involves education majors from the college, was initiated by Dr. Lucille E. Wassman, Associate Professor of Education at Newberry College, to give students additional experience in working with children. The library reports that attendance at story hours has nearly doubled since the students have started working with the children.

Richland County: The Children's Services Division presented a program on "Shipwrecks and Underwater Archeology in South Carolina." Alan Albright with the USC Archeology Department showed slides and discussed various excavations in South Carolina rivers.

York County: The library has begun a "dial-a-story" service for children. Phone lines have been installed at the main library in Rock Hill and the York Public Library. The phone service provides a three to five minute fairy tale all hours the day.



PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

*Chapin Memorial Library:* The library re-opened its facilities on November 17 following a \$252,000 renovation project. Both the first and second levels of the library were expanded, increasing the interior space by more than 2,000 square feet. The library plans an open house on December 7. The Chapin Library is located on Chapin Memorial Park in Myrtle Beach.

*Clarendon County:* The County Council recently agreed to purchase property for a new library site in Manning. The site, situated adjacent to the current library, will be purchased for \$30,000.

*Pickens County:* Library director Nancy Bettencourt was recently nominated by the library board as Career Woman of the Year. The Easley Business and Professional Women's Club makes its selection from nominees submitted by local organizations.

*York County:* A slide program on York County history and historic homes was presented by Wade Fairey, Director of the York County Historical Commission at the library on November 11....The library recently published "Monthly Morsels 1981" a cookbook/calendar of library staff member's favorite recipes....James Peterson, Teaching Assistant at the University of South Carolina Department of English, gave a poetry reading at the library on November 13. The reading was jointly sponsored by the library and the South Carolina Artists Resource Forum.

CALENDAR

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| December 24-26, 1980        | South Carolina State Library closed.<br>(Christmas)                                |
| January 1, 1981             | South Carolina State Library closed.<br>(New Year's Day)                           |
| January 15, 1981            | South Carolina State Library Board meeting.<br>Columbia: State Library 12:00 noon. |
| January 19, 1981            | South Carolina State Library closed.<br>(Robert E. Lee's Birthday)                 |
| January 23, 1981            | LSCA Advisory Council meeting. State Library<br>2:00 p.m.                          |
| January 31-February 5, 1981 | American Library Association mid-winter conference.                                |

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Quote from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, ODL Source, October, 1980 issue - "If you are wondering why your book budget and salary don't go as far as they used to, the following figures may help you understand. At ten percent yearly inflation, \$1,000 would drop to \$621 in real purchasing power in five years and a mere \$386 in ten years. Maybe now your board will understand why you can't buy as many books as you used to and why you need a raise."



## NEWS NOTES ON S.C. LIBRARIANS

...CLARA MAE FEELY joined the staff of the Chester County Library on November 10 as Children's Librarian. Ms. Feely earned her undergraduate degree from Winthrop College and will receive her master's degree in librarianship from USC in December. She has previously been employed in the children's department of the Rock Hill Public Library....

### NEWS OF TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS GROUPS

Officers recently elected to the Clarendon County Library Board of Trustees are Amelia McFaddin, Treasurer, and Julian Nelson, Alternate Secretary.

The Friends of the Library in Conway held a dutch luncheon on November 18. Horry County Library Director Catherine Lewis presented a program on recent book acquisitions.

Recently-elected officers to the Florence County Library Board of Trustees are Mrs. William S. Dowis, Jr., Chairman; Mr. J. Frank Nolen, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. John L. Steele, Treasurer; and Mrs. Margaret B. Altman, Secretary. Mrs. Catherine M. Beasley is the newest member to the Board.

The Hilton Head Friends of the Library launched a series of chamber music programs on October 26. The first program featured musical works by Edith Hemenway, performed by vocalist Karen Hansen.

The Friends of the Matheson Memorial Library held their annual book sale recently as a fund-raising project.

The Friends of the North Myrtle Beach Library have been sponsoring a flea market every weekend at the Ocean Drive Pavillion. The group plans to continue the flea market through December in order to raise funds for a proposed library to be located in the North Myrtle Beach area.

The Friends of the York County Library held a record and book sale on November 14 and 15.

### GIFTS

Retired South Carolina businessman James H. Thomason and his wife, Sarah Dunlap Thomason, recently established the James H. Thomason Library Endowment Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for Presbyterian College. The gift was made in the form of a charitable remainder unitrust. The purpose of the fund will be to provide salary supplements for library staff, to keep the library repaired, and to assure the purchase of books and equipment. Eleven years ago, the Thomasons had donated \$750,000 to help underwrite the construction of the library. The total Thomason contribution of \$1,250,000 is the largest total gift by an individual in the 100-year history of Presbyterian College.



CAROLINIANA

Davidson, Mary S. A superstar called Sweetpea. Viking Press, 1980. 134 p. \$8.95. Novel set in Charleston authored by a school librarian based in Florence.

Lathan, Robert. A historical sketch of Union ARP Church, Chester County, South Carolina. Originally published in 1888. Reissued by the Chester County Genealogical Society, 1980. 64 p. \$7.50. Orders to the Society, Coy F. Stroud, President, Box 808, Chester, South Carolina 29706.

Littlejohn, Jim. The pride of Pooler. Sunlit Press, Box 1325, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928. 1979. \$15.00.

Racine, Philip N. Spartanburg County, a pictorial history. Virginia Beach, Virginia: The Donning Company, 5041 Admiral Wright Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. 1980. \$19.95, hardbound; \$12.95, paper; plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Orders to Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 311 East Main Street, Post Office Box 1636, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304.

Richardson, James M. History of Greenville County, South Carolina. Originally published, 1930. Reprint edition, 1980. Spartanburg, South Carolina: Reprint Company. 350 p. \$22.50.

William Gilmore Simms; a reference guide. Compiled by James E. Kibler, Jr., and Keen Butterworth. G. K. Hall, 1980. 213 p. \$25.00.

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The following persons were elected officers of the Children and Young People's Section of SCLA: Saphire Wilson, Garrett High School, Charleston, Chairman; Ginger Shuler, Richland County Public Library, Vice-Chairman; and Mildren Alverson, James F. Byrnes High School, Spartanburg, Secretary/Treasurer. (For listing of other SCLA officers, see the November issue of the newsletter).

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Librarians interested in bookmobile service are referred to a recent article appearing in American Education, October, 1980, pp. 49-57, entitled "Spanish on Friday, Japanese on Saturday."



The 1980-81 officers of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association are Marcia Davidoff, Naval Training Equipment Center, Orlando, Florida, Chairman; William D. Postell, Jr., Tulane Medical School, New Orleans, Louisiana, Vice-Chairman; Laura (Huff) Koch, SERMLP, Emory Medical School, Atlanta, Georgia, Secretary/Treasurer; and Miriam H. Libbey, Emory Medical School, Atlanta, Georgia, Candidate for National MLA Nominating Committee. The group also elected a Chapter Representative and an alternate to the MLA Council. Ted Srygley, University of Florida at Gainesville, is the representative, and Martha Jane Zachert, University of South Carolina at Columbia, is the alternate.

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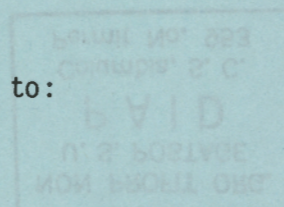
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